

Puketoro Station Sale - 2019



THE third annual on-farm auction at Puketoro Station drew another big crowd to the property inland from Tokomaru Bay yesterday and it has been described as an "incredible" sale.

The McNeil Farming yarding included 7000 ewes and lambs and 723 Angus and Angus-cross cattle.

"We sold the lot. It was a complete clearance," said auctioneer Shane Scott from Central Livestock.

"We had 52 registered buyers, perfect weather conditions, and at least a couple of hundred people overall, certainly a bigger crowd than last year.

"The market was just incredible - Jeepers they sold well!"

Last year the Puketoro R2 steers, off the high country at the foot of Mount Hikurangi, sold up to \$1590 and their two-tooth ewes made a high \$201.

Mr Scott said it was a "magnificent line of stock."

"They sold exceptionally well to an eager bench of buyers, some of whom had travelled from the Central Plateau/Waikato/Hawke's Bay, as well as a strong local contingent.

"There was also interest from the South Island."

The 'sold' tag went up on 723 Angus steers, 2699 two-tooth ewes, 335 four-year ewes, 455 four-tooth, 1608 five year ewes, and 1923 male lambs.

"The line up was a credit to McNeil Farming. Quality sells!"

Mr Scott said the McNeils were very happy with the result.

"Burne and Tracey, Tennant and Leigh were stoked with the result. They were pleased to see the sale so well supported."

Mr Scott said the prices achieved were well up on last year.

"The weight of the cattle was better and the return per kilogram was up.

"The market was red hot!"

He said there was a growing shortage of big hill country properties breeding quality traditional cattle and sheep.

"The quality of the stock presented at Puketoro yesterday was reflected in the premiums paid."

The top dollar in the cattle was paid for the two year steers on offer at \$1685 a head (\$3.27 P/Kg), with the one year steers selling up to \$1535.

Averaging \$1415 and ranging from \$3.61 to \$3.67 Per Kg

Among the big sheep line up the top dollar was paid for a line of Coopdale ewes that realised \$256 a head.

A line of Romdale's made \$242.

Four-year Romney ewes sold up to \$195 and five year ewes for up to \$192.

The male lambs realised \$111 for 26kg to \$119 for 30kg

